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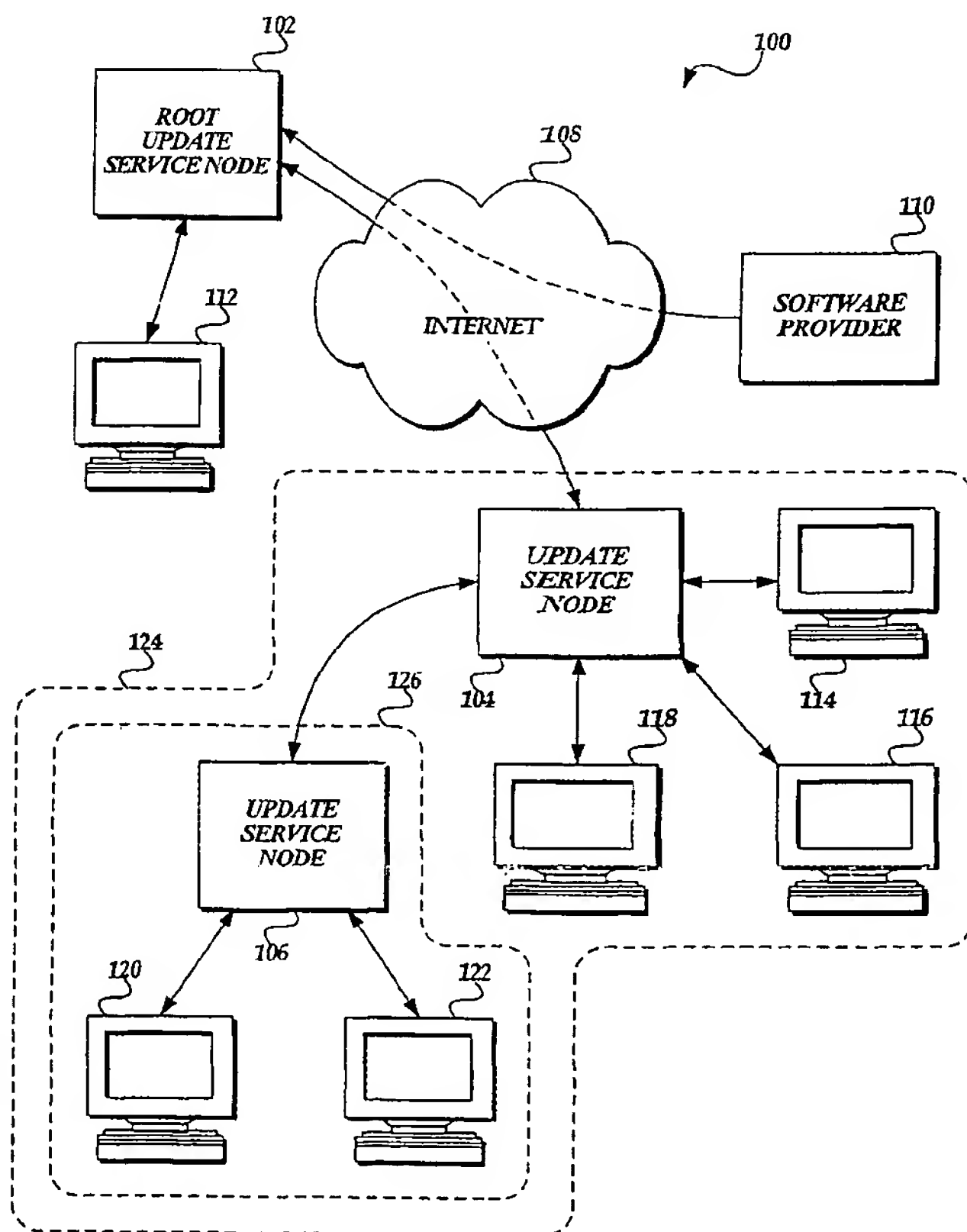
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(54) Title: APPLICATION PROGRAMMING INTERFACE FOR ADMINISTERING THE DISTRIBUTION OF SOFTWARE UPDATES IN AN UPDATE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM



(57) Abstract: An application programming interface (API) for administering the distribution of software updates on an update service node is presented. The API provides a plurality of interface calls through which an administrator can establish rules by which software updates available to the update service node are distributed.